

# **Minutes of the East Greenwich School Committee**

**Tuesday, October 21, 2014**

**Archie R. Cole Middle School Library**

**100 Cedar Avenue**

**East Greenwich, RI 02818**

**6:07 p.m. Executive Session, Mr. Sommer made a motion to go into executive session for discussion and/or action regarding those items of business exempt from open meetings under Rhode Island General Laws §42-46-5 (a) (2) Litigation update: Teachers ULP re: Speech Pathologists; (a) (9) EGEA Teacher Grievances. Mrs. Winters seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.**

**Those in attendance were Mr. David Green, Chair; Mrs. Mary Ellen Winters; Ms. Carolyn Mark; Mr. Jack Sommer, and Mrs. Susan Records (arrived at 6:23 p.m.). Dr. Deidre Gifford, Vice-Chair and Mr. Clark Smith were absent. Dr. Victor Mercurio, Superintendent; Mrs. Gail Wilcox, Director of Administration, and Mr. Brad Wilson, Director of Student Services were also present.**

## **7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting**

### **I. Call to Order**

**Mr. Green called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and announced item # VIII would be tabled this evening.**

### **II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**

### **III. Public Comments**

**Rebecca Bliss read a statement written by Kristin Lehoullier regarding strategic planning.**

### **IV. Approval of Minutes**

#### **a. Regular and Executive Minutes for October 7, 2014**

**On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Sommer, the Committee voted 5-0 to approve the minutes.**

### **V. Superintendent's Report**

**Dr. Mercurio met with PTG presidents' yesterday. They asked if training could be set up for parents on how to use Google Apps for Education. The RIDE technology conference is scheduled for Saturday, October 25th at the Convention Center. Dr. Mercurio and several staff members will present at the conference, which is open to the public. The new Director of Technology, Victor Babson, started today. He visited all schools and will participate in Friday's technology advisory meeting.**

### **VI. School Committee Concerns**

**Ms. Mark asked for a follow-up on elementary minutes. She asked for recess and transition times to determine if the district is complying with the Health and Wellness Policy. Dr. Mercurio asked building principals' for a revised schedule listing transition and recess time. Dr. Mercurio was asked about the status of Strategic Planning. Principals' met today to brainstorm action steps. Mr. Green explained the reasons why Strategic Planning is behind schedule. Mrs. Winters questioned the status of the report regarding**

air conditioning at Cole and the SBS report for Meadowbrook and Frenchtown. Mr. Wilmarth has a preliminary report for Cole. Dr. Mercurio said the Building Committee needs to reconvene prior to presenting the information to the School Committee.

## **VII. Action Items**

### **a. Appointments**

#### **1. Paraprofessional 1:1–Frenchtown-Emily Sullivan**

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Sommer, the Committee voted 5-0 to approve the appointment.

#### **2. 0.4 FTE French Teacher-EGHS-Desiree Brown**

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Sommer, the Committee voted 5-0 to approve the appointment.

## **VIII. EG Strategic Support Mentoring Program End of year report-Nina Mackta**

This item was tabled.

## **IX. Discussion**

### **a. Update on 1:1 rollout at EGHS**

The results of the 1:1 faculty survey were shared. Mr. Podraza sent out a survey to students yesterday and results will be shared on Friday. Some EGHS staff members will attend the November 3rd School Committee meeting to give examples of 1:1 learning in the classroom. Dr. Mercurio thanked Mr. Jett and Mr. Mello for their assistance in 1:1 implementation and their efforts setting up the filtering for the Chrome Books.

## **X. Updates**

### **a. Ad Hoc Committees**

### **1. Study Start Times**

The Committee will meet tomorrow night at 5:30 p.m. at central office. Articles on sleep research, potential challenges, and the impact of flattening the bus schedule will be discussed. The committee is working on a survey and scheduling a public forum (tentative date: November 13, 2014).

### **2. Academic Calendar**

The Committee met last night and is finalizing the community survey. A forum will be planned for possibly November.

### **3. All Day Kindergarten**

Forums were held for Meadowbrook faculty and staff, Frenchtown faculty and staff, and the public. There has been substantial discussion regarding the scheduling of itinerants and the servicing of special needs students. Questions were sent to the Superintendent regarding all day kindergarten, which will be answered through the weekly field memo. A meeting will be set up for SBS to present their findings to the committee. More information from RIDE is needed regarding the grant for all day kindergarten.

### **XI. Adjournment**

On a motion by Mr. Sommer, which was seconded by Mrs. Records, the Committee voted 5-0 to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

**CHRISTINE DIMEGLIO**

**SECRETARY**